

Local Miss Awarded PTA Scholarship.

Miss Bonnie Hoetger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoetger, 4106 Lenore St., Torrance, received the annual Scholarship Award of Meadow Park PTA for 1960-61.

Award this year in the amount of \$100 is awarded to a former graduate of Meadow Park Elementary upon graduation from High School.

Bonnie achieved an average grade point of 3.4; while engaging in innumerable extracurricular activities.

Bonnie, 16, is enrolled at Santa Barbara State College where she will major in Education.

Fifth Year Noted By Voters League

League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes Peninsula will celebrate its fifth birthday June 6 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Vernon Walker, 29 Eastfield Drive, Rolling Hills.

This will be a general membership meeting, and the League's only completely social event of the year. The program will include a dramatization of the local League's history written by Mrs. John Crowther. The two past presidents who are Mes. Richard Blakely and Melzar Jones will pour.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization with the promotion of political responsibility through informed and active

participation in government as its goal. Its principal method of reaching this goal is through presentation of information by designated study committees on various topics of timely interest on local, state and federal levels of government, followed by open discussion by all members.

Membership in the local league is open to all women of voting age in the area.

\$50 MILLION

Capital expenditures by The B. F. Goodrich Company will exceed \$50 million this year. This will be the largest in the company's history, according to John N. Hart, vice president and controller.

K of C Council Slates Elections

Annual election of officers of the Los Crusados council Knights of Columbus, will be conducted in the chambers of the Redondo-Torrance fraternal organization, 214 Ave. I, Redondo, at 8 p.m., Monday, June 5, announced Lyle O'Hara, grand knight.

Nominated by a council committee to succeed O'Hara was Stacy Rodman, present deputy grand knight of the council. Joseph Piatt, chancellor of the council and Martin O'Malley are the nominees for the office of deputy grand knight.

Larry Sargent and Al Perry will be candidates for the post of chancellor, while Bill Fred-

YW Begins Dance Class

"Modern dance class open to women of all ages. It will unclunk those sluggish muscles, firm your frame and promises to take you out on a creative limb every Monday evening starting June 5, at 7:45 p.m. at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 Carson St., stated Janne Bosco.

Six week sessions are under the instruction of Janne Bosco. This vivacious teacher has studied and danced under many of the leading New York artists. Techniques used include that of Martha Graham, Charles Weidman and other leading groups. Basic choreography will be included.

With summer approaching each one will want to take advantage of this opportunity to get into shape for your busy bathing suit season. For further information please call FA 0-2255.

Manuscripters Host Writer Maren Elwood

Maren Elwood, author of three acclaimed texts on creative writing, USLA teacher, author's coach and agent, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Southwest Manuscripters in Hermosa Beach.

Choosing as her subject, "The Writer at Work," Miss Elwood stressed the importance of the planning phase in writing a story. "All the arts are one," she said, "and in any art the person who practices successfully, plans before he executes."

"Many things," she said, "may spark the idea for a story. You get a character, you see a setting, you feel a mood. But this is only the beginning. Then comes the planning. You should sketch, take notes, build with small patient touches. You must play with ideas, eat them, sleep them, live them, give them dimension. And at last, with the help of the subconscious mind, bring order into the imagination. The plot is the order, and without order you have chaos."

WRITERS CAUTIONED

Miss Elwood cautioned writers not to write the story prematurely. "Plan first," she said, "so your story is not dewatered by re-writes. Once all the emotion is poured out, it is dead. This is why you get sick of your stories if you're required to re-write them too many times. Plan your intellect, write at white heat with your emotions, then let the story lie a time until cold. Finally, polish it, and it is done."

"During the time of thinking with your material and letting your imagination work," Miss Elwood went on, "remember that the nature of the material dictates the treatment. This applies to every art. Do not take your material and twist it and force it into a mold. Your story is a malleable thing. You can work and re-work it like bread dough. The writer should how to his material and ask 'What would you have me do?' You must become your material. You must become your characters, for then when you know them

TWO THINGS

Miss Elwood asserted that readers remember two things after reading a story: the characters, and what they believe in. "How important it is then," Miss Elwood added, "that an artist have a philosophy of life. Emerson said 'Talent alone cannot make a writer. There must be a man behind the book.' The author is what he believes in. That which he writes is permeated with what he believes, inevitably."

Miss Elwood believes in a writing career there are two most important times for having faith. First, when the writer realizes every art has a difficult mechanics which must be mastered; and, second, when the writer is doing an excellent job of stories and they do not sell. "However," she said, "take the challenge. It will busy you up. Don't waste time being negative. Set aside a definite time for writing. Be dedicated to it. Apply discipline. Plan, work, and no alibis. Let the creative in you flow. And, remember, in every art there is an apprenticeship. There is a mastery of the mechanics. And then there is a use of the mechanics as if one never had to go through all the steps to learn them. On this foundation is built success."

SUMMER SESSION

Miss Elwood announced that her UCLA summer session courses in fiction writing will begin June 19, with classes both on campus and at the Hill Street location, downtown Los Angeles.

Manuscripter members reporting sales for the past month were Florence Hanger and Jay and Wilma Ranson.

All those interested in writing, beginner or professional, are invited to attend the next meeting, June 16, at 8 p.m. Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. For further information call Mary Edith Linday, secretary, FRontier 2-6159.

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Woman's Club Plans Installation Luncheon

The Torrance Woman's Club, Dist. 17, CFWC, will close the 1960-61 club year with a luncheon meeting and installation of officers on Wednesday, June 7, at the Clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Roy J. Ansey, president, will conduct the business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Leondrus Stamps will be installed as the newly elected president.

Mrs. Stamps graduated from Antelope Valley High School, Lancaster, Calif., and came to Torrance in 1934. She has two married sons and a sixteen year old daughter attending Torrance High School.

Community activities have always played an important role in her life. Mrs. Stamps was on the organizing committee for the Torrance Area Youth Band. She has been a Cub Scout den mother and neighborhood chairman, day camp registrar and trainer for the Girl Scouts.

The YWCA has had her active help since 1948. She has been Torrance Branch chairman, member of the Harbor Area Board of Directors for nine years, finance chairman, treasurer and first vice president and has attended three Regional Conferences at Asilomar.

Other community activities include the Torrance High School PTA, Job's Daughters Mothers Club, and three years on the executive board of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Stamps attends the Methodist Church and is a member of Ruth Circle.

Other officers to be installed on June 7 are: Mrs. R. C. Focha, first vice president; Mrs. A. Z. England, second vice president; Mrs. R. J. Warnock, Jr., third vice president; Mrs. J. G. Laird, recording secretary; Mrs. W. L. Norman, corresponding secretary; Miss Carlita Reeve, treasurer; and Mrs. P. M. Shaw, ways and means chairman.

Mrs. C. A. Perkins, auditor; Mrs. E. G. Laughney, reservations; Mrs. J. P. Bay, program; Mrs. C. M. Wheeler, year book; Mrs. Roy J. Ansey, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Don Wolf, past president Torrance Woman's Club, will be the installing officer.

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